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**FEDERAL FUGITIVE GIVEN FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL YEARS IN PRISON FOR
BEING AN ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL**

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that Dan Larry Ward, 40, of Odessa, Texas, was sentenced yesterday by United States District Judge Robert Junell to an additional 15 years in federal prison for escaping from custody and being an armed career criminal in possession of a firearm.

On January 30, 2007, Ward was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after he had plead guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. He escaped shortly after he was sentenced in that case. Law enforcement officials captured Ward on August 10, 2007 and the U.S. Attorney's Office filed additional charges against him for being a fugitive and an armed career criminal. Ward was convicted of the new charges on October 24, 2007.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshals and the FBI West Texas Area Major Offenders Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Glenn Roque Jackson prosecuted the case on behalf of the government.

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